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Please Note:

New vendors and subcontractors must supply all required paperwork (Appendix 1, Financial Statement, and 3 Reference Letters), and must register in the Online Representations and Certifications Application (ORCA). In addition, all Vendors must also be registered in the CCR, within 48 hours after bid opening or your company may be considered non-responsive.

FV-311

Fruit and Vegetable Programs

Date Issued: October 3, 2005

Fresh Apples, Announcement FV-311, Invitation 012

The Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell fresh fruit as indicated below and per the Announcement for use in child nutrition programs and other domestic food assistance programs. Offers are due by **1 p.m., Central Time, Monday, October 17, 2005**. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, Monday, October 31, 2005. Deliveries are to be made from November 18, 2005, through April 26, 2006.

Offers are invited from the trade for 28,644 cases of fresh apples in 37/40 lb. cartons to a shipping container.

No offer will be made to 8(a) vendors on this invitation.

Funds are not presently available for contracts awarded for FY 2006. The Government's obligation for contracts issued is contingent upon appropriation of funds from which payment for contract purposes can be made. No legal liability on the part of the Government for any payment may arise until funds are made available to the Contracting Officer for these contracts and until the Contractor receives written notice of such availability from the Contracting Officer.

All invitations with orders for the state of New York, must have the pack date stamped on the outside of each carton, The pack date should be annotated as per the following example: (05/01/2003). Orders for the state of New York requiring the special marking will be indicated by (). This applies to New York orders "Only," if and when they appear on an invitation.**

Note: Effective August 1, 2005, Contractors are required to submit Annual Representations and Certifications via the Online Representation and Certifications Application (ORCA), a part of Business Partner Network (BPN). The internet address for registering in ORCA is <http://orca.bpn.gov>. The representations and certifications are effective until one year from the date of submission or update to ORCA. A revised abbreviated Appendix 1 dated August 2005 will be required for contractors registering via the ORCA system. A notice to the trade regarding this requirement was issued on June 28, 2005 at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/fv/cp/tradenotices.htm>



However, Contractors who have previously (prior to August 1, 2005) submitted the Appendix 1 for calendar year 2005 will be relieved from the ORCA online registration until the expiration of their Appendix 1.

Bids must be submitted electronically via the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES) on the Internet. Offerors who submit bids using other than DEBES, will be deemed non-responsive. Offeror must be assigned a Logon ID by USDA to access the site. The Internet address is: <http://pcsd.usda.gov/debes> which translates into a connection of <https://pcsd.usda.gov:3077/mdbc1000.exe?> Once connected, follow the online procedures. A 'HELP' button provides detailed instructions for using the system or call 202-720-4517 for assistance.

Bidders are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver in accordance with the contract. Inquiries about Announcement FV-311, Appendix-1, the Commodity Specification for Fresh Fruit dated April 2004, or this Invitation should be directed to the Contracting Officer, USDA/AMS/Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch STOP 0239, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20250-9410, telephone (202) 720-4517. An electronic version of this invitation can be obtained through the World Wide Web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp>.

Purchases will be made on a delivered basis, subject to Announcement FV-311, to the listed locations. Delivery by trucks or railcars is optional to the contractor, except for those destination(s) which specify delivery by truck only or rail only.

Split shipments are indicated by single asterisk.

ANNOUNCEMENT : FV311
 INVITATION : 012
 COMM GROUP : 34 FRUIT, FRESH

PREFERENCE
 CODES: RD-RED DELICIOUS
 GD-GOLDEN DELICI
 S -STAYMAN
 B -BRAEBURN
 G -GALA
 GS-GRANNY SMITH
 M -MCINTOSH

COMM TYPE : 10 APPLES, FRESH
 PACK SIZE : 10 37/40 LB CARTON

ITEM NO	DESTINATION CITY	ST	TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (CSE)	PRICE PER (CSE)	PREFERENCE 1 2 3
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DELIVERY PERIOD 11/28/05 - 11/30/05

001	PORT NEWARK	NJ		924		RD
002	VINELAND	NJ		924		RD
003	MADISON HEIGHTS	VA	TRUCK ONLY	924		RD GD S

DELIVERY PERIOD 12/05/05 - 12/07/05

004	MADISON HEIGHTS	VA	TRUCK ONLY	324		RD GD S
	SUFFOLK	VA	TRUCK ONLY	600		

DELIVERY PERIOD 12/12/05 - 12/14/05

005	BROOKLYN	NY	TRUCK ONLY	924		**RD B G
006	ROCK ISLAND	IL	TRUCK ONLY	924		RD

DELIVERY PERIOD 01/02/06 - 01/04/06

007	ALCOA	TN	TRUCK ONLY	424		RD GD
	CHATTANOOGA	TN	TRUCK ONLY	500		
008	LAS VEGAS	NV	TRUCK ONLY	462		RD GD GS
	RENO	NV	TRUCK ONLY	462		

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DELIVERY PERIOD 01/09/06 - 01/11/06

009	DELAWARE CITY	DE	TRUCK ONLY	462		RD GD M
	LAUREL	MD	TRUCK ONLY	462		
010	JOHNSON CITY	TN	TRUCK ONLY	397		RD GD S
	MADISON HEIGHTS	VA	TRUCK ONLY	527		
011	LEBANON	TN	TRUCK ONLY	924		RD GD
012	ROCK ISLAND	IL	TRUCK ONLY	924		RD

DELIVERY PERIOD 01/16/06 - 01/18/06

013	BATESVILLE	MS	TRUCK ONLY	693		RD GD
	COOKEVILLE	TN	TRUCK ONLY	231		
014	PHOENIX	AZ	TRUCK ONLY	924		RD

DELIVERY PERIOD 01/23/06 - 01/25/06

015	PORT NEWARK	NJ		924		RD
016	VINELAND	NJ		924		RD

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017	DANVILLE	VA	TRUCK ONLY	168	_____	RD GD S
	MADISON HEIGHTS	VA	TRUCK ONLY	756	_____	
DELIVERY PERIOD 02/13/06 - 02/15/06						
018	ROCK ISLAND	IL	TRUCK ONLY	924	_____	RD
DELIVERY PERIOD 02/20/06 - 02/22/06						
019	PORT NEWARK	NJ		924	_____	RD
020	VINELAND	NJ		924	_____	RD
DELIVERY PERIOD 03/06/06 - 03/08/06						
021	MADISON HEIGHTS	VA	TRUCK ONLY	924	_____	RD GD S
DELIVERY PERIOD 03/13/06 - 03/15/06						
022	ROCK ISLAND	IL	TRUCK ONLY	924	_____	RD
DELIVERY PERIOD 03/27/06 - 03/29/06						
023	PORT NEWARK	NJ		924	_____	RD
024	VINELAND	NJ		924	_____	RD
025	MADISON HEIGHTS	VA	TRUCK ONLY	360	_____	RD GD S
	SUFFOLK	VA	TRUCK ONLY	564	_____	
026	ROCK ISLAND	IL	TRUCK ONLY	924	_____	RD

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DELIVERY PERIOD 04/03/06 - 04/05/06						
027	DELAWARE CITY	DE	TRUCK ONLY	462		RD GD M
	LAUREL	MD	TRUCK ONLY	462		
028	LAS VEGAS	NV	TRUCK ONLY	924		RD GD GS
DELIVERY PERIOD 04/24/06 - 04/26/06						
029	PORT NEWARK	NJ		924		RD
030	VINELAND	NJ		924		RD
031	ROCK ISLAND	IL	TRUCK ONLY	924		RD

TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE 28,644

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 Michelle Warren
 Contracting Officer

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